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PART ONE

MR. NYLAND: A very strange thing happened to me today. I was sitting quietly. I had been thinking a little bit. I had my hands folded like - this way. All of a sudden I looked down. I saw my fingers, and then the thought came to me: there will be a time when these fingers will be quiet, not moving anymore. I have had such thoughts before. I've looked at the books in my library, spread all over the house in Brewster at that time and this was in my room and again contemplatively looking at the books I said, many books I will not touch anymore. It is not a sign of old age; it is a sign of the realization of one's life. The thoughts have to appear every once in awhile like that, not to remind one of one's own mortality, but to remind one that certain things still can be done, and ought to be done. And then as we know, like Cecil Rhodes at the time when he was developing South Africa and ~~the Himbali~~ Kimberley and the Transvaal Transvaal — so much to be done, so little time left to do it in. And it is not possible at such a time to get up quick and to do things. One sits there once in awhile dumbfounded. Here I am with my life. It has proceeded. A few things have been done. Many thoughts still remain ~~remian~~ to be put in some other kind of a form than a thought. A person cannot help sometimes to be quite thoughtful about ~~the~~ conditions in which he ~~has~~ happens to live, the life he has led. The past — that is his own, and what will the future then brings, and what can one then count on. You see, these thoughts of course, we are familiar with them. Sometimes we don't want to give it attention because life is still busy. Sometimes life is not so busy. Sometimes there is a realization that, not that life will end, but that it is necessary to evaluate life as experience. And then one starts to think how can one ~~xxxxxxx~~ continue, or how can one, when once certain things have been started, make certain that ~~he~~ they will not disappear or rather